

III. REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1, 8, 15, 22 and 27 have been amended and claims 7, 14, 17, 25 and 33 have been canceled. As a result, claims 1-6, 8-13, 15, 16, 18-24 and 26-32 remain pending in this application. Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the rejections and reserve the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Further, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 18, 27, 28 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(c) as allegedly being anticipated by Leung *et al.* (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2003/0046270), hereafter “Leung.” Claims 4-5, 11-12, 20-21, 22-24 and 30-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Leung in view of Microsoft Windows NT Server Administrator’s Bible: Option Pack Edition, hereafter “Bible.” Claims 3, 10, 19 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Leung in view of Armitano *et al.* (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2004/0230795), hereafter “Armitano.” Claims 7, 14, 17, 25 and 33 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Applicant gratefully appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter.

The Office has objected to claims 7, 14, 17, 25 and 33 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but states that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 8, 15, 22 and 27 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 7, 14, 17, 25 and 33, respectively. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the subject matter

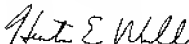
of each of the claims as well as any dependent claims is allowable as written. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims.

VI. CONCLUSION

In addition to the above arguments, Applicants submit that each of the pending claims is patentable for one or more additional unique features. To this extent, Applicants do not acquiesce to the Office's interpretation of the claimed subject matter or the references used in rejecting the claimed subject matter. Additionally, Applicants do not acquiesce to the Office's combinations and modifications of the various references or the motives cited for such combinations and modifications. These features and the appropriateness of the Office's combinations and modifications have not been separately addressed herein for brevity. However, Applicants reserve the right to present such arguments in a later response should one be necessary.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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